



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 994

March 11, 2004 - Introduced by Representative JOHNSRUD, by request of Department of Natural Resources. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 167.31 (4) (bg) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** killing of wild
2 animals in chronic wasting disease eradication zones.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with certain exceptions, no person may carry a loaded firearm, bow, or crossbow (weapon) in a vehicle or motorboat. Also, no person may discharge a weapon from a vehicle.

There is an exception under current law to this prohibition that allows a state or federal employee or agent to kill wild animals in order to control the spread of disease in animals if the employee or agent is authorized to do so by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and if he or she is hunting in an area that has been designated by DNR as a chronic wasting disease eradication zone. There is also an exception to this prohibition that allows a landowner, or a family member or employee of the landowner, to shoot a wild animal from a farm tractor or other farm vehicle if the animal is in a chronic wasting disease eradication zone.

Under current law, these exceptions sunset on June 30, 2004. This bill repeals this sunset so that the exceptions will continue to apply after that date.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

